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THE KINGDOM IN TABLEAU.

Mark ix, 2-13—Nov. 24.

"A voice came out of the cloud, saying, This is My beloved Son; hear ye Him. And when the voice was past, Jesus was found alone."
—Luke ix, 35.

OUR studies continue to apper-
tain to Messiah's Kingdom of
Glory. Today's lesson tells of
a tableau illustration given to
His disciples respecting it. The lesson
deeply impressed the Apostles who witnessed
the vision. Peter, James and
John. St. Peter referred to it after-
ward in his Epistle (I Peter I, 16-19),
saying, "We have not followed cunningly
devised fables when we made
known unto you the power and com-
ing of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were
eye-witnesses of His Majesty * * *
when we were with Him in the holy
mount."

Jesus prepared His disciples for the
transfiguration vision, saying, "There
be some of them that stand here,
which shall not taste of death, until
they see God's Royal Majesty having
come with power." The occasion will
be remembered. Jesus had fore-
told His death, quite contrary to the
previous expectations of the Apostles,
and now He sought to draw their
minds gradually to a realization that
His death would not mean a repudia-
tion of the promise of the Kingdom
and its glory, but a fulfillment of their
expectations on a
higher plane.

Jesus was to
formally offer Him-
self to Israel as
King, riding upon
the ass, five days
before His cruci-
fixion, yet He
would be despised
and rejected and
crucified; but His
Kingly Office and
work would there-
by only be confirmed. His authority
to be King of the earth, to release
mankind from the power of sin and
death, to uplift humanity and bring
the earth to Paradise conditions, would
all be founded upon His sacrificial
death at Calvary.

All this was presented to the three
chosen disciples. Jesus took them to
the mountain-top and was transfigured
before them. His flesh and His gar-
ments shone and glistened white, after
the manner of angels, the vision thus
representing the Lord after having ex-
perienced His resurrection change.
Then with Him talked two men, "who
appeared in glory," says St. Luke. In
some manner the Apostles recognized
these two men of the vision as Moses
and Elijah. They heard these dis-
course with Jesus respecting His de-
cease "which He was about to accom-
plish at Jerusalem."

Then came a voice from the over-
shadowing cloud, saying, "This is My
beloved Son, hear ye Him!" and sud-
denly the vision vanished. Several
good lessons may have come out of
this. It would be a great refreshment
and strength to their faith to witness
this vision, which showed them that the
death Jesus had foretold, was a certain-
ty and known of God and of Divine
approval. The voice from God would
also encourage their faith.

As the Apostles, with Jesus, were
coming down the mountain side, won-
dering about the meaning of the vision
they had seen, Jesus said to them, "See
that ye tell no man the vision until
after the Son of Man is risen from the
dead." (Matthew xvii, 9.) The fact
that Moses and Elijah appeared as real
to the Apostles, as though they were
in life, does not contradict the words
of Jesus that what they saw was a
vision. Remember the many visions
given later on to one of these Apostles,
St. John, recorded in the book of Re-
velation. In those visions St. John saw
angels and men, heard voices, etc., just
as in this vision.

The Meaning of the Vision.

We have St. Peter's words that what
they saw on the mountain represented
the Royal Majesty of Messiah—the
Kingdom of Messiah. Moses repre-
sented the faithful of Natural Israel,
the "House of Servants"—"Moses as a
servant, was faith-
ful over all his
House." Elijah re-
presented The Christ
in the flesh, the
House of Sons. All
of the consecrated,
spirit-begotten peo-
ple of God during
this Age are repre-
sented by Elijah,
who, God promised,
should come before
Messiah would set
up His Kingdom.

In other words, the Elijah class is com-
posed of Jesus and all of His footstep
followers throughout this Gospel Age—
in their earthly or fleshly condition,
Spirit-begotten, but not yet spirit born.
There is no doubt whatever respect-
ing the Kingdom promised—that it will
come; that vision on the mount con-
firmed it. The Kingdom merely awaits
the sufferings of those who will be the
members of the Body of Christ. At
the Second Coming of Jesus these will
be blessed and glorified; and the class
represented by Moses will also be
blessed and used as instruments of the
Kingdom. Thus in the vision the en-
tire Kingdom was represented: first of
all, by Jesus Himself; secondly by Eli-
jah, who represented the Church class;
and thirdly by Moses, who represented
the faithful on the earthly plane.



"Tell the vision to no man."

A DOG EPISODE

By MABEL GARDINER

Billy Barton had been brought up in
a place adjoining the home of the
Wintertons. He and Roxie Winterton
had been playmates and were now in-
timate friends, he Billy to her and she
Roxie to him.

No one would think of calling Mr.
MacElligott Don any more than he
would think of calling Billy Mr. Bar-
ton. The former was decidedly Scotch,
the latter especially American, though
there was Irish blood in Billy that had
brought with it a taste for repartee,
and he usually did things as no one
else would do them. MacElligott was
as matter of fact as a clock.

However, Mr. MacElligott did one
thing that worked up Mr. Barton—he
paid attention to Miss Winterton.
Billy didn't go to Roxie and grumble,
pretending that he had always consid-
ered her as belonging to him and ob-
jecting to the attentions of this inter-
loper. The truth is he had never
thought about her belonging to any
one till the interloper appeared. The
Barton and Winterton places being
side by side, Billy had a fine position
for observation, and his rival never
went in or out next door without Bil-
ly's noticing it. One evening when
MacElligott was leaving as the clock
struck 11 Billy saw Roxie go to the
door with him, and after the visitor
had gone she went to the dog kennel
at the rear of the house and, slipping
the collar off Hector, let him run for
the night. Billy knew that the usual
time for releasing Hector was 10
o'clock, and his remaining chained
was that Mr. MacElligott might stay
after that hour. An idea popped into
Billy's head.

One evening later on he saw his rival
enter the Winterton home. At 10
o'clock the visitor had not departed.
A few minutes before 11 Billy vaulted
the fence between the two places and
approached Hector's kennel. Hector
knew him well and wagged his tail
and laughed. It seemed to Billy that
the dog knew what he was coming for.
In another minute Hector was loose
and Billy was going back to his own
home.

Eleven o'clock seemed to be the usual
hour for Mr. MacElligott's departure,
and it was not changed on this occa-
sion. Fifty-nine minutes before mid-
night Billy heard the front door of the
Winterton domicile close and a figure
go down the walk to the gate. He also
saw a dark spot making an arrow line
for the figure. The figure must have
seen the dark spot, too, for it jumped,
caught a branch and with surprising
agility pulled itself up into the tree to
which that branch belonged. The dark
spot was Hector, who, after circling
around a bit, looking up hungrily, lay
down at the foot of the tree. Billy
saw some one go to Hector's kennel
and back to the house again. He in-
ferred that this person was Roxie, who,
finding that Hector had been unloosed,
had gone to bed. About what the-
ory she had formed as to who un-
loosed the dog Billy didn't trouble
himself. Having seen all quiet at the
Winterton's, he turned in himself.

But he turned out early in the morn-
ing.

Looking out through his window, he
saw Hector apparently asleep under
the tree. Billy dressed himself and
just before breakfast went out and
strolled about. Hearing a voice com-
ing from the Wintertons' place, "Hi,
you there; would you mind calling off
this dog?" he went over the fence and
looked up.

"What are you doing there, sir?" he
asked sternly.

"By Jove, I've been here all night!"

"Why didn't you call for assistance?"

"Well, you know it's not a very digni-
fied position for a fellow to be in, up
a tree with a dog watching him."

"I can't take the responsibility of re-
leasing you," said Billy. "You may be
a burglar. I'll call some one."

"For heaven's sake don't."

But Billy's heart was hard as flint.
He went to the front porch and seeing
Roxie in the dining room beckoned her
to come out.

"What is it?" she asked.

"Have you missed anything in the
house?"

"No, not that I know. Why do you
ask?"

"Because I see you got a man up a
tree. I suppose he's a burglar."

Miss Winterton called her father—
and the rest of the family, for that
matter—and, Billy leading the way,
they went out to view the burglar.

"Why, it's Mr. MacElligott," exclaim-
ed Roxie.

"Who's Mr. MacElligott?" asked
Billy.

Miss Winterton gave Mr. Barton a
look. As she looked a light of intelli-
gence came into her eyes. But she said
nothing to Billy. She took her father
and put his chain on him. Then she
returned and introduced Mr.
MacElligott, who had come down from
the tree, to Billy. The former she in-
vited to breakfast, but he declined and
went away crestfallen.

That same day Roxie said to Billy:

"What did you unchain Hector for last
night?"

"How do you know I did?"

"Because no one else did. I've asked
them all."

"Well, I don't want any man prowling
around where you are. I can do all
of that there is to be done myself."

"There was a quarrel, but love affairs
often begin with a quarrel—at any rate
this one did."

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construction of a state highway to the
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proves that this great natural won-
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tention that its importance warrants.

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gon," is the slogan of the hotel men
of the state, and as one of the places
of interest which all America should
visit the Oregon caves stand out
most prominently. But before they
are entirely available to tourists a
highway must be built, and the hotel
association through its legislative
committee has attempted to interest
the members-elect of the coming
session of the state legislature in the
subject, and to get an appropriation
for the work.

The following resolution bearing
the endorsement of Phil Metschan,
Jr., president of the Oregon State
Hotel Association, and of F. W.
Beach, its secretary, has been re-
ceived, it having been passed by the
hotel men in Portland on the 13th:

"Whereas, it is the policy of this
association to aid in every legitimate
way the spreading of the propaganda
of 'Seeing America first, especially
Oregon.'"

"Resolved, That the legislative
committee of this association be in-
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